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## Bicentennial Feature

## Baptists Ask Relief From Persecution

BOSTON, Mass., October, 1770 — (BP) — Unless they are granted release from taxes to support the state church, Massachusetts Baptists threaten "to send to the British courts for help if it can not be had in America," Baptist spokesmen said here.

Baptists in New England say they have chafed for decades under laws requiring them to pay the support of ministers of a state church which they say persecutes rather than ministers to them.

Often, the dissenters' refusal to pay the tax has resulted in jail, their property confiscated, and other persecution, they noted.

Although the laws have been amended several times in recent years and certain exemptions are now allowed, Baptists continue to protest vigorously any restrictions which limit their religious liberty.

Baptists have presented a petition to the Massachusetts General Court asking for "perpetual exemption to all Baptists and their congregations from all ministerial rates whatsoever." The petition also asks for the recovery of property and other losses sustained by Baptists because of their religious convictions.

As an example of the oppression to which Baptists say they have been subjected as a result of the clergy tax, the petition cited the case of the Baptist church at Huntstown, established nine years ago.

Several years after the Huntstown church was organized, the established church settled a minister and arranged for the building of a meetinghouse. Baptists, including their minister Ebenezer Smith, were taxed to support the state church.

When Baptists claimed exemption from taxes as the first organized church in the community, the established order simply had Huntstown incorporated as a new town under the name of Ashfield.

Three hundred and ninety-eight acres belonging to Baptists were seized and sold to make way for the new meetinghouse, at a loss to Baptists of more than three hundred and forty-four pounds. A Baptist cemetery was included in the property seized.

"They also have sold a dwelling place and an orchard, pulled up our apple trees, thrown down our fences, and made our fields waste places," the Ashfield Baptists charge.

If they are not granted immediate release from such persecutions, Baptists have said they will take their grievances before the king.

Prepared for Baptist Press by the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, Nashville.

## Church Library Meeting Opens Oct. 24, Cleveland

Representatives of the Sunday School Board in Nashville will be program personalities Oct. 24-25, when the Mississippi Church Library Organization conducts its fourth annual workshop.

Registration for the workshop,



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to be held at the First Baptist Church in Cleveland, will get underway Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. Sessions will begin at 1 p.m.

Representing the Church Library Department of the Sunday School Board will be Rev. Wayne

## ONE LORD ONE MISSION ONE PEOPLE

**OBSERVE CP MONTH**  
cooperative program

## SBC Ends Year \$4.11

NASHVILLE (BP) — Despite the nation's economic uncertainty, the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program unified budget ended the 1974-75 fiscal year, Sept. 30, with receipts totaling \$4.1 million more than the operating and capital needs budgets of SBC agencies.

The fiscal year produced \$41,114,253 in Cooperative Program receipts from churches across the nation and another \$35,639,969 in designated contributions. Total receipts amount to more than \$76.7 million, or 8.44 percent more

than the \$70.7 million collected in 1973-74.

The Cooperative Program figure alone is 8.09 percent more than the \$38,086,809 given during 1973-74, while 1974-75 designated contributions rose 8.84 percent above the \$32,744,774 contributed the previous fiscal year.

The \$41.1 million Cooperative Program figure is about one third the amount collected by 33 state conventions across 50 states and one-tenth the amount collected in 34,734 Southern Baptist churches. Cooperative Program contri-

butions had topped the basic operating and capital needs budgets of \$37 million by more than \$900,000 by the end of August went on to exceed the \$3 million "challenge" budget during September. The \$41.1 million total exceeds the combined \$40 million Cooperative Program goal by \$1.1 million.

Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, expressed gratitude for the "significant increase."

During the 1975-76 fiscal year, which began Oct. 1, the national

## Budget

Cooperative Program will shoot for a \$51 million budget, part of a combined \$150 million Cooperative Program goal of all the state conventions. That \$51 million figure includes a combined operating and capital needs budget of \$42,080,000 — or \$85,747 more than the 1974-75 Cooperative receipts.

Distribution of the \$41.1 million, including operating and capital and challenge budgets, allotted \$20,057,126 to the SBC's Foreign Mission Board, \$7,521,422 to the Home Mission Board, \$2,513,138 to

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### Liberty Bell To Ring

## Baptist Students To Meet October 24-26 In Meridian

A convention emphasis on freedom and citizenship will be punctuated by the tones of the Mississippi replica of America's Liberty Bell when Baptist students of the state hold their fifty-first annual convention Oct. 24-26 in Meridian.

The sessions of the convention will be held at the First Baptist Church beginning at 7 p.m. Friday. The meeting will continue with sessions throughout the day on Saturday and conclude at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

The Liberty Bell will ring to

open and close the Saturday and Sunday sessions.

Dr. Beverly Tinnin is host pastor.

Rev. Ralph B. Winders of Jackson, director of the Department of Student Work for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, said

students from more than 30 college and university campuses across the state would be attending the convention. He indicated that registration is expected to reach about 900.

Steve Pilgrim of Memphis, a student at Mississippi State University is president of the statewide Baptist Student Convention.

#### Convention Theme

The theme of the convention will be "Living Christ's Free-

### Corrie ten Boom Schedules Jackson Appearance Oct. 26

Corrie ten Boom, author of the best seller, "The Hiding Place," and internationally known Christian, is coming to Mississippi Sunday, Oct. 26.

She will be the featured speaker at the Mississippi Coliseum at 2:45 p.m., according to James E.

Carr, Jackson, chairman of the Mississippi Billy Graham Crusade Committee, which is sponsoring her appearance.

"The Hiding Place" is the story of her adventurous life.

Born and reared in Haarlem, Holland, Corrie lived in the home

### September Cooperative Gifts Show Big Increase

The largest increase in Cooperative Program gifts for one month over the same month of 1974 was recorded by Mississippi Baptists during September when they directed \$597,496 through the offices of the Mississippi Baptist

Convention Board in Jackson.

This was not the largest total for a single month, having been exceeded in three earlier months; but it was \$232,873 more than the total for September of 1974 and was almost three times the previous largest difference.

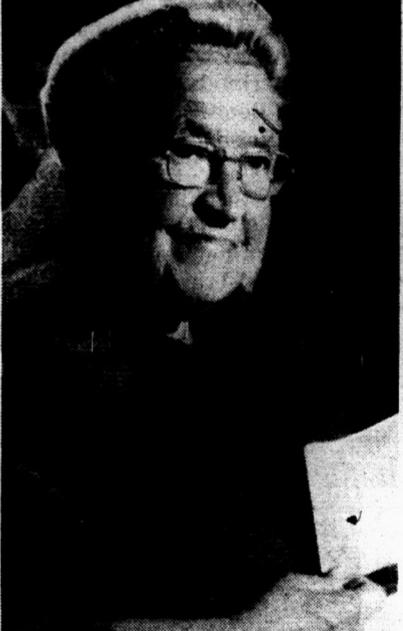
The September 1975 total represented a 63.9 per cent increase over the September 1974 figure of \$364,623.

The September gifts still left the total gifts for nine months short of the budget figure. The year-to-date total of \$4,823,751 is \$126,249 short of the prorated budget figure through September. For the nine months, however, there has been an increase in total gifts of \$462,734 over the same period of last year.

The 12-month's budget is \$6.6 million, which is to be compared with total gifts last year of \$5,828,247.

"Such a dramatic increase in one month's gifts is highly gratifying," said Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

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Corrie ten Boom

dom." The keynote address will be delivered by Rev. Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, who will speak on "Keeping Freedom — America's Greatest Challenge." The convention will open with a theme interpretation by the Baptist Student Union of Delta State University at Cleveland. The keynote address will follow this presentation.

A business session on Saturday afternoon will consider a budget of just over \$22,000 for 1976 to cover the cost of sending 40 students into areas across the nation and to foreign countries for missions endeavors. Five students will go abroad, and 35 will go to missions fields in the United States.

A multi-media presentation on Saturday night will review the summer missions efforts of 1975.

#### Other Speakers

Other principal speakers will include Dr. Chester E. Swor of Jackson, a youth lecturer and author, who will be assisted by Scott Cook; Mrs. Sibyl B. Warren, dean of students at Blue Mountain College; Dr. C. Welton Gandy, Nashville, director of Chris-

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## Meetings Under Way In 76 Local Associations

The annual meetings of 76 associations are under way across the state. The first association to meet this year was New Choctaw, a group of 11 Indian congregations which met Oct. 3 and 4. This association met at Bethany Church in Philadelphia.

Three associations had meetings scheduled on Oct. 6 and 7. They were Benton, meeting at Hamilton Church; Marion, meeting at East Columbia and Cedar Grove churches; and Marshall, meeting at Salem Church and First Church of Holly Springs.

The first of the meetings for

the other 72 associations will begin on Oct. 13, and will be held according to the schedule presented here.

Adams, Oct. 20, Cloverdale Church; Oct. 21, First Church, Natchez.

Alcorn, Oct. 16, East Corinth Church; Oct. 17, First Ridge Church.

Attala, Oct. 20, Carson Parkway Church Kosciusko.

Bolivar, Oct. 20, Boyle Church;

Oct. 21, Immanuel Church.

Calhoun, Oct. 20, First Church,

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Mississippi's replica of the Liberty Bell will ring out to emphasize a freedom theme during the Baptist Student Convention Oct. 24-26 at First Baptist Church, Meridian. The bell has traveled across many states since it first began its trek from Jackson just before the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami Beach. Above with the bell before it began its travels are Dr. John Lee Taylor, left, pastor of First Baptist Church, Grenada, who directed the refurbishing of the bell, and Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

# 76 Local Associations...

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Calhoun City; Oct. 21, First Church, Vardaman.

Carroll, Oct. 13, Vaiden Church; Oct. 14, Mount Pisgah Church.

Chickasaw, Oct. 20, Schooner Valley Church; Oct. 21, Mt. Olive Church.

Choctaw, Oct. 22, Ackerman Church; Oct. 23, Blythe Church.

Clarke, Oct. 13, Pine Hill Church; Oct. 14, Pine Hill Church.

Clay, Oct. 13, Calvary Church, West Point; Oct. 14, Calvary Church, West Point.

Copiah, Oct. 20, Bethel Church; Oct. 21, First Church, Crystal Springs.

Covington, Oct. 20, Leaf River Church; Oct. 21, Ora Church.

DeSoto, Oct. 20, Immmanuelle Church; Oct. 21, First Church, Eudora, & Carriage Hills.

Franklin, Oct. 20, Providence Church; Oct. 21, Mt. Zion Church.

George, Oct. 20, First Church, Lucedale; Oct. 21, First Church, Lucedale.

Greene, Oct. 20, Pleasant Hill Church; Oct. 21, Unity Church.

Grenada, Oct. 13, Hardy Church; Oct. 14, Hardy Church.

Gulf Coast, Oct. 20, Olive t Church; Oct. 21, Olivet Church.

Hinds-Madison, Oct. 27, Center Terrace Church, Canton; Oct. 28, Morrison Heights Church, Clinton.

Church; Oct. 14, Emory Church.

Holmes, Oct. 13, Oak Grove Humphreys, Oct. 16, Silver City Church.

Itawamba, Oct. 20, New Home Church, Oct. 21, Kirkville Church.

Jackson, Oct. 13, Vancleave Church; Oct. 14, Kreole Avenue Church.

Jasper, Oct. 20, Lake Como Church; Oct. 21, Montrose Church.

Jeff Davis, Oct. 13, Carson Church; Oct. 14, Society Hill Church.

Jones, Oct. 20, Bethlehem Church; Oct. 21, First Church, Sharon.

Kemper, Oct. 15, DeKalb Church; Oct. 16, Salem Church.

Lafayette, Oct. 13, North Oxford Church; Oct. 14, Philadelphia Church.

Lamar, Oct. 20, Baxterville Church; Oct. 21, Richburg Church.

Lauderdale, Oct. 28, Highland Church.

Lawrence, Oct. 20, New Hope Church, Monticello; Oct. 21, Calvary Church, Silver Creek.

Leake, Oct. 23, Trinity Church;

Oct. 24, Sunrise Church.

Lebanon, Oct. 14 a.m., Petal Harvey Church; 14 p.m., Temple Church.

Lee, Oct. 13, Macedonia Church, Oct. 14, Macedonia Church.

Leflore, Oct. 20, Morgan City Church; Oct. 21, Immanuel Church.

Lincoln, Oct. 23, Mt. Pleasant Church; Oct. 24, Pleasant Hill Church.

Lowndes, Oct. 20, Southside Church; Oct. 21, Fairview Church.

Mississippi, Oct. 23, Thompson Church; Oct. 24, Galilee Church, Glaston.

Monroe, Oct. 13, Meadowood Church; Oct. 14, Southside Church.

Montgomery, Oct. 20, Pine Forest Church; Oct. 21, First Church, Winona.

Neshoba, Oct. 14, Neshoba Church; Oct. 15, Salem Church.

Newton, Oct. 20, Mt. Pleasant (7:15 p.m.); Oct. 21, Mt. Nebo (day).

Noxubee, Oct. 13, Mashulaville (7:00 p.m.); Oct. 14, Mashulaville (7:00 p.m.)

Oktibeha, Oct. 20, Double Springs (7:00 p.m.); Oct. 21, Center Grove (9:30 a.m.)

Panola, Oct. 20, Crenshaw (7:30 p.m.); Oct. 21, Liberty Hill (8:30 a.m.)

Pearl River, Oct. 20, First Church, Picayune; Oct. 21, First Church, Picayune.

Perry, Oct. 20, First Church, Runnelstown (7:00 p.m.); Oct. 21, First Church, Runnelstown (7:00 p.m.)

Pike, Oct. 20, Calvary, Prichard (night); Oct. 21, Calvary, Prichard (night)

Pontotoc, Oct. 16, First Church, Pontotoc (7:00 p.m.); Oct. 17, Zion, Pontotoc (9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

Prentiss, Oct. 13, Walnut Olive Church; Oct. 14, Candler's Chapel Church.

Quitman, Oct. 20, West Marks Church (7:30 p.m.); Oct. 21, First Church, Lambert (7:30 p.m.)

Rankin, Oct. 20, First Church, Brandon; Oct. 21, First Church, Brandon.

Riverside, Oct. 20, Lyon (7:30 p.m.); Oct. 21, Lyon (7:30 p.m.)

Scott, Oct. 20, Forest (6:55 p.m.); Oct. 21, North Morton (6:55 p.m.)

Sharkey - Issaquena, Oct. 20, Valley Park Church; Oct. 21, Valley Park Church.

Shakopee, Oct. 20, Calvary Church; Oct. 21, Philadelphia Church.

Simpson, Oct. 20, First Church, Magee; Oct. 21, Goodyear Church.

Smith, Oct. 13, White Oak (7:00 p.m.); Oct. 14, Leaf River (7:00 p.m.)

Sunflower, Oct. 20, Sunflower Church; Oct. 21, Rome Church.

Tallahatchie, Oct. 15, Sumner (7:30 p.m.); Oct. 16, Cascilla (7:30 p.m.)

Tate, Oct. 13, Bethel (7:30 p.m.); Oct. 14, Bethel (9:45 a.m.)

Tippah, Oct. 13, First Church, Ripley; Oct. 14, First Church, Ripley.

Tishomingo, Oct. 14, Highland Church; Oct. 15, Central Church.

Union, Oct. 12, Pattison Church; Oct. 13, Red Luck Church.

Union County, Oct. 21, First Church, New Albany; Oct. 22, Fredonia Church.

Walhall, Oct. 13, Crystal Springs (6:45 p.m.); Oct. 14, Crystal Springs (6:45 p.m.)

Warren, Oct. 20, Woodlawn, Vicksburg (7:00 p.m.); Oct. 21, Northside, Vicksburg (7:00 p.m.)

Washington, Oct. 14, First Church, Leland.

Wayne, Oct. 20, First Church, Waynesboro; Oct. 21, Big Creek Church.

Winston, Oct. 20, First Church, Louisville; Oct. 21, Noxapater Church.

Yalobusha, Oct. 20, Second Church; Oct. 21, Wayside Church.

Yazoo, Oct. 23, Southside, Yazoo City (7:00 p.m.); Oct. 24, Southside, Yazoo City (7:00 p.m.)

Zion, Oct. 20, Calvary Church; Oct. 21, Philadelphia Church.



Mississippian Assumes New Post In Indonesia

Mississippi native Hazel Clark (Mrs. Thomas O.) Barron discusses with missionary colleagues her recent election to the executive committee of the Indonesian Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries). She is the only woman on the committee, which makes policy decisions between annual mission meetings. Born in Richton, Miss., Mrs. Barron attended William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss. With her husband she served churches in Collins and Picayune, Miss. FMB photo by William E. Corwin.

## Indonesia Welcomes Transfers From Vietnam

SEMARANG, Indonesia — Hello, goodbyes, and new directions in theological education, mass media, and mission structure marked the 1975 annual meeting of the Indonesian Baptist Mission.

One of the largest groups of Southern Baptist missionaries anywhere in the world, the Indonesian mission now numbers 123 members.

The 1975 session was held recently on the campus of the Indonesian Baptist Theological Seminary here. A family affair, the meeting included Vacation Bible School for missionary children and special service activities for high school youth.

Guest Bible teacher for the 10-day gathering was Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, former president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Criswell Bible Institute. Eddleman's son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Donald G. Duval, both serve as missionaries in Indonesia.

The "hellos" were for missionaries transferred from Vietnam. They are Rev. and Mrs. Herman P. Hayes, 16-year veterans who were Southern Baptists' first appointees to Vietnam; Rev. Alan D. Peyton M. Moore; and mis-

sionary journeyman Steve Brown. Other former Vietnam missionaries are slated to arrive in Indonesia later.

The Hayes and Moore families were evacuated from Vietnam with only their suitcases. They were welcomed by their new colleagues with a shower of household goods.

The "goodbyes" were for Dr. and Mrs. R. Keith Parks. Parks, who has served since 1968 as Southeast Asia area secretary, has now been elected as director of the Mission Support Division of the Foreign Missions Board, Richmond, Va.

## September Gifts --

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"This is especially so in view of the fact that our only month this year to go below the income for the same period in 1974 came in August," he added. "Though we are still behind in the budget for the year as it would be prorated on a nine-month basis, that doesn't mean necessarily that we will be behind at the end of the year. Our commitments to the Lord's work are of the highest priority."

## Church Library Meeting Opens Oct. 24, Cleveland

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continue at 8:30 a.m. Adjournment will be at noon.

All conferences will be conducted three times except those to be handled by Miss Anderson and Mrs. Hight said. The conferences to be conducted by these two personalities will be continuous.

One conference to be repeated because of a demand for it will be on book repair. The leader will be Forrest Loewe of Jackson, a representative of Gaylord's. Other conferences will be on audiovisuals and cassettes, promotion and "How to Interest Children in the Library."

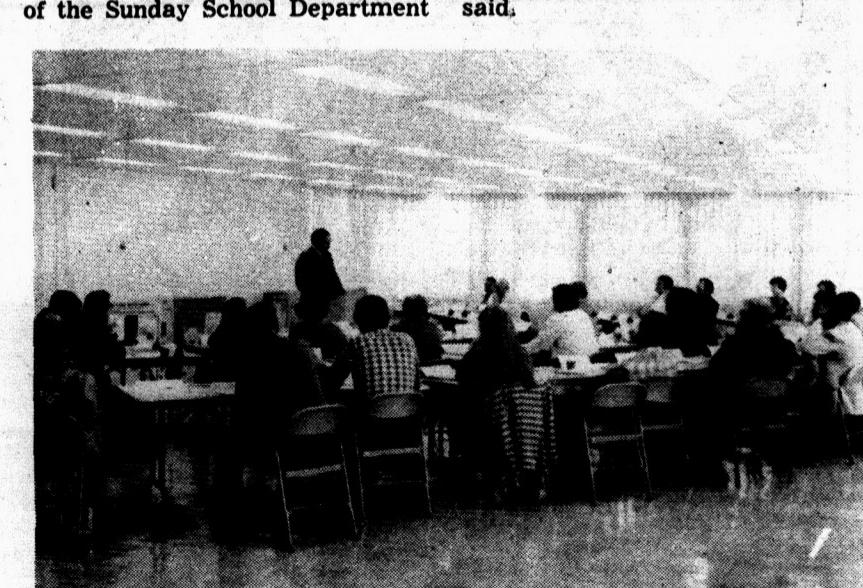
Mrs. Rex Burrow of Rosedale is vice-president of the library organization, and Mrs. Russell Bush Jr. of Columbia is secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Jackie Payne of Jackson is the program chairman, Pruitt Calvert of Louisville is the publicity chairman, and Mrs. Harvey Leake of Woodville is the historian. An ex officio officer is the Rev. Bryant Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department

of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Mrs. Bush and Mrs. Payne will lead the conferences on audio-visuals and cassettes and on promotion.

The conference on how to interest children in the library will be led by three different persons — Mrs. Becky Wilson, elementary school librarian at Rosedale; Miss Barbara Pauling, Cleveland, of the Library Science Department at Delta State University; and Mrs. Randall Bradberry, Cleveland, librarian at Robinson-Carpenter Library.

Milton Burd, minister of education at First Baptist Church, Cleveland, will welcome the group as the meeting opens. The Rev. Macklyn Hubbell, pastor of the church will present devotional thoughts during the Saturday morning session.

"We are trying to promote the attendance of as many pastors and ministers of education as possible, especially to attend the workshop to be conducted by Rev. Wayne Todd on the ministry of the church library," Mrs. Hight said.



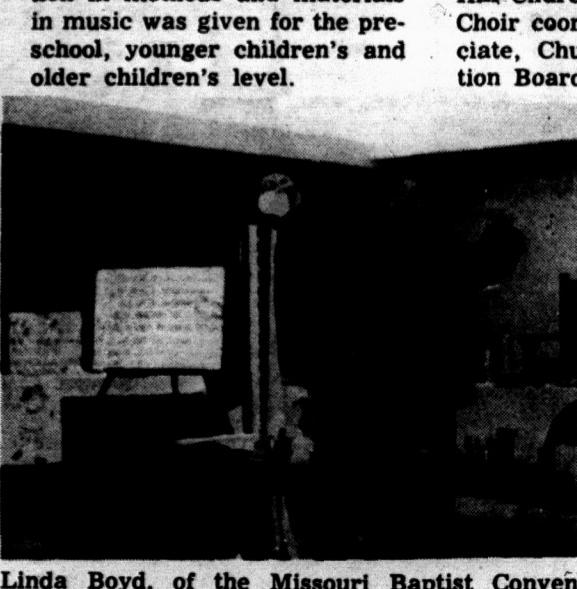
Communications Conference

Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor of First Church, Grenada, delivers the keynote address for the Church Communications Conference at the Baptist Building in Jackson. Other conference participants were Jack Lawler of Austin, Texas; Wesley M. Pattillo Jr. of Louisville, Ky.; John Cobb Smith of Dallas, Texas; George Clark of Nashville, Tenn.; and Ralph McEntire of Chattanooga, Tenn. The conference was sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Leon Emery, church administration consultant.

## Statewide Children's Choir Clinic



Clinic personnel included (left to right) standing: Dan C. Hall, Director, Church Music Department, Jackson; Nan Grantham, music assistant, Church Music Department; Marilyn Vandegrift, music assistant, Broadmoor, Ray Burdeshaw, minister of music, Spring Hill Church, Mobile, and seated: Jane Burdeshaw, Children's Choir coordinator, Spring Hill Church, and Linda Boyd, associate, Church Music Department, Missouri Baptist Convention Board.



Linda Boyd, of the Missouri Baptist Convention Church Music Department, illustrates the length of a phrase, in "The Joy of It" sessions. J. M. Wood, of the Broadmoor Church, Jackson, works with a young choir member in a demonstration rehearsal.

## Fire Destroys --

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pastor, who live two houses from the church.

The fire was reported to have started in the education building, though the cause was not known immediately, according to assistant fire chief and the fire inspector, both of whom are members of the South McComb Baptist church. The structure was brick veneer, and the flames spread rapidly.

# A Biblical View Of The Holy Spirit

By J. Terry Young  
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Fourth and last in a series

Let me share with you what I think the Bible teaches about the work of the Holy Spirit in the believer. The person of the Holy Spirit is the way that God comes to his people in the world today. Specifically, the Holy Spirit is the third person of the trinity. We must neither lose sight of his place in the unity of the one God nor must we make him independent of the other two persons of the trinity. Either extreme would be a heresy. The Holy Spirit is no more and no less than God with us.

Long ago W. T. Conner, renowned Baptist theologian wrote, ". . . the Holy Spirit stands for the experiential element in the Christian religion." (W. T. Conner, *The Work of the Holy Spirit*, Nashville: Broadman Press, 1949, p. 5) He was saying that our experience with God is made alive

to us through the presence of the Holy Spirit. Or, again in the words of Conner, "Without the Spirit Jesus would be only a historical character to men. But through him, Christianity is a living, transforming power in the life of men." (Ibid, p. 5)

The Holy Spirit did not come into existence on the day of Pentecost. He did not even make his initial debut into the world on Pentecost. He has always been the third person of the trinity and was active throughout the Old Testament though his Old Testament role is not clearly seen or understood until we have the advantage of the New Testament teaching to shed light back upon the Old Testament. In the unfolding revelation of God the work of the Holy Spirit gains prominence only in the New Testament.

If Pentecost was not the introduction of the Holy Spirit into the world, what was it? It was the inauguration of the ministry of the gospel of redemption through

Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit came upon the little band of Jesus' followers who were waiting for the promised coming of the Holy Spirit. The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was directly related to the proclamation and application of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Immediately thousands of converts were won and the movement was on to spread the Christian gospel in ever-widening circles. Please notice, incidentally, that when the Holy Spirit came, he came upon each of the Christians: it was an experience for all.

The Holy Spirit is the continuing presence of Jesus with Christian believers, according to the teaching of Jesus in John 14:16-18. The Holy Spirit is to be to the disciples what Jesus himself has been to them. In the coming of the Holy Spirit to them they will recognize that Jesus indeed has not left them alone. He will no longer be localized in his presence with them. In bodily form, he was localized, limited to being in

one place at any given time. The ascended Christ, now personally present through the Holy Spirit, can fulfill his promise to his followers that he would be with them always as they carried out his great commission. His presence is now universalized.

There are two aspects to the work of the Holy Spirit. They are his work among unbelievers and his work in the believers.

In the world, among unbelievers, the Holy Spirit convicts of sin and judgment. (John 16:8-11). Evangelism is made effective by the work of the Holy Spirit speaking to the lost. In addition to convicting of sin, righteousness and judgment, the Holy Spirit is to point to Jesus, not to himself (John 15:26). It is his task to turn men to Christ.

Among believers, the Holy Spirit does several things. He seals the believer in Christ at the time of his conversion. (See Eph. 1:3; Rom. 8:9, 11, 14; 1 John 3:24, 4:13; Acts 10:44; 1 Cor. 3:16, 8:19) The Holy Spirit is the agent of conversion. It is his coming into the sinner's heart that makes him the new man in Christ described by Paul in 2 Cor. 5:17. It is his presence that guarantees our final redemption. We are marked out as belonging to God by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. It is his presence that gives us the assurance of our salvation.

The Holy Spirit also guides believers in understanding truth. In John 16:12-15 Jesus told his disciples that there were yet many things that he wanted to tell them, but time and the slow development of their understanding made it impossible. However, he assured them that the Holy Spirit would be their teacher. The Holy Spirit enlightens the minds of believers to develop Christian understanding.

Believers are qualified or equipped for Christian service by the Holy Spirit. That is why Jesus' followers were to wait in Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Spirit in the inauguration of the gospel ministry. Acts 1:8 couples the coming of the Spirit with their evangelistic responsibility. The gifts of the Spirit mentioned in 1 Cor. 12:27-31 and Ephesians 4:11-12 are essentially calling or functions in the work of spreading the gospel. The Holy Spirit will equip the Christians for the work of being witnesses to Jesus by giving them different functions to perform.

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## A Non-Charismatic Writes To His Charismatic Friends

form, or gifts suited to God's purposes for them. The gifts will differ; not all are to have the same gift.

Fruits of the Spirit are also produced in the lives of believers by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. And each Christian is urged to seek these Christian graces such as love, joy and peace in his life. (Col. 3:10-17, Gal. 5:16-26) The development of such fruits in one's life is a strong testimony that he is saved and is growing spiritually. It is the function of God's Holy Spirit to work out these graces in the individual.

The Holy Spirit guides believers in their Christian work. This is seen in such passages as Acts 10:19-20, 13:2, and 16:6. They are not left to their own inclination or wisdom. They are led by God.

Let us draw some conclusions about the Holy Spirit as seen in the Scriptures.

1. Every believer has the Holy Spirit in his life and can progressively enjoy his work. God can't give us any more of his Holy Spirit but we can give more of ourselves to him so that he can work through us in his mighty power.

2. There is no "second blessing" where the Holy Spirit comes into the Christian life sometime following conversion. True spirituality is growth in Christlikeness and Christian service under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Hopefully, the Holy Spirit will bring us through many experi-

ences of expanded horizons and deepened commitment.

3. The believer must put forth efforts to grow and to serve. The Holy Spirit will bless and use our efforts. He will not do our work for us but will bless us when we are sincerely striving.

4. The Holy Spirit strengthens our natural human abilities and perfects our weaknesses. He will seek to bring out the best that is in us.

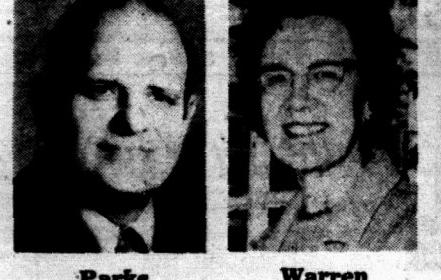
5. The Holy Spirit points toward Christ. It is never his function to call attention to himself. Thus excessive emphasis upon the Holy Spirit can be as wrong as neglect of the Holy Spirit.

6. We must beware of counterfeit spiritual power or spiritual experiences that have to be propped up by external stimuli to reassure us. The Holy Spirit brings his own assurance to us inwardly as we learn how to yield ourselves to his leadership in a Christlike life.

If one claims to have an experience with the Holy Spirit, there are four tests that might be used to evaluate the claim: (1) Does the experience exalt Christ or self? (2) Does it build the church? (3) Is it scripturally based? (4) Does it square with Christian history, what God has always been doing with believers?

A careful examination of some current practice, in the light of clear scriptural teaching, might save some from getting off on a spiritual tangent.

## Baptist Students To Meet



Parks

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tian Citizenship Development for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention; and Dr. R. Keith Parks, Richmond, Va., director of the Missions Support Division of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Except for Dr. Swor, each will speak on some aspect of freedom or citizenship. Dr. Swor's topic will be "Your Reasonable Service."

Mrs. Warren will speak on "Freedom for You to Be You and Me to be Me." Dr. Gaddy's remarks will be on Christian Citizenship, and Dr. Parks' message will be on "The Freedom of Sharing Christ."

Dr. Harold T. Bryson, pastor

of the Eastdale Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala., will be the Bible study leader. Dr. Bryson was formerly pastor of First Baptist Church, Carthage.

Convention music will be under the direction of Dan C. Hall, director of the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Mrs. Nan Grantham, assistant in the department. A combined college choir will present a concert of religious and patriotic music during the Saturday night session.

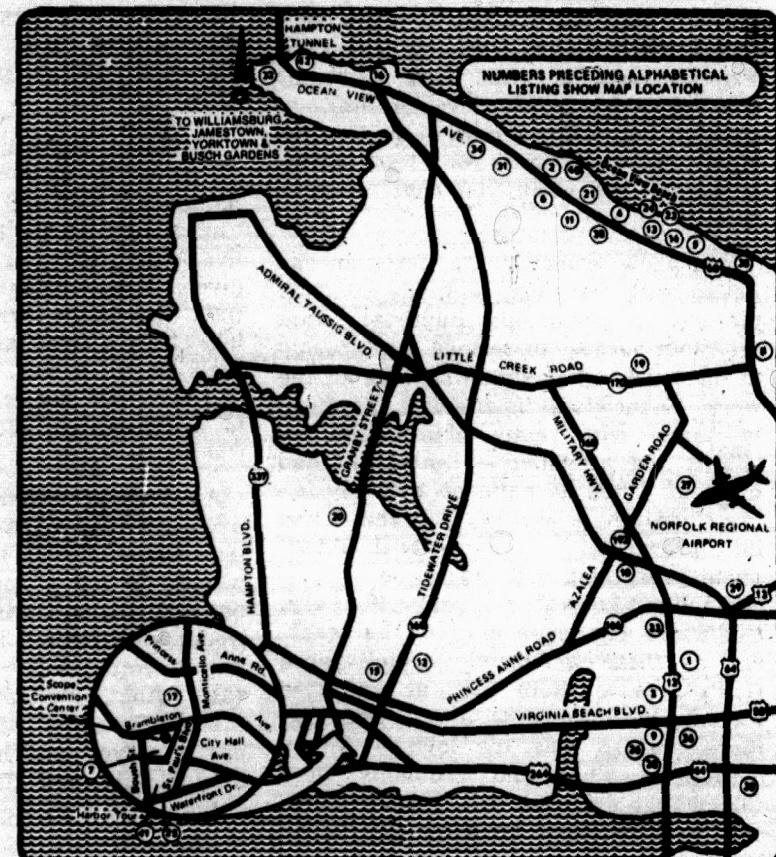
A number of conferences will be offered on Saturday morning and afternoon. Hall and Mrs. Grantham will lead "Creative Worship." "Sharing BSU with the Whole Campus" will be led by William C. Junker, a staff member in Na-

tional Student Ministries in Nashville. Dr. Joe McKeever, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus, has the conference, "Worth, Freedom, and Responsibility of the Christian Student." Mrs. Warren will lead "When Fancy Turns to Love," and Dr. Gaddy will direct "Christian Freedom and Moral Decisions." Mrs. Robert Shurden of Clinton will be the conference leader for "The Christian Woman in Today's World." "Foreign Missions" will be led by Dr. Parks; and Emery Smith of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta will lead "Home Missions."

"Free to be a Churchman — Elective or Required" will be the topic of the conference to be led by Rev. Bill T. Nimmons, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tupelo. On Saturday morning only Dr. Swor will lead a conference on "Developing a Personal Devotional Life."

Students who desire lodging in homes of Baptists in Lauderdale County should make reservations through their BSU directors, Winters said. Motel reservations should be made directly with the motels, he added.

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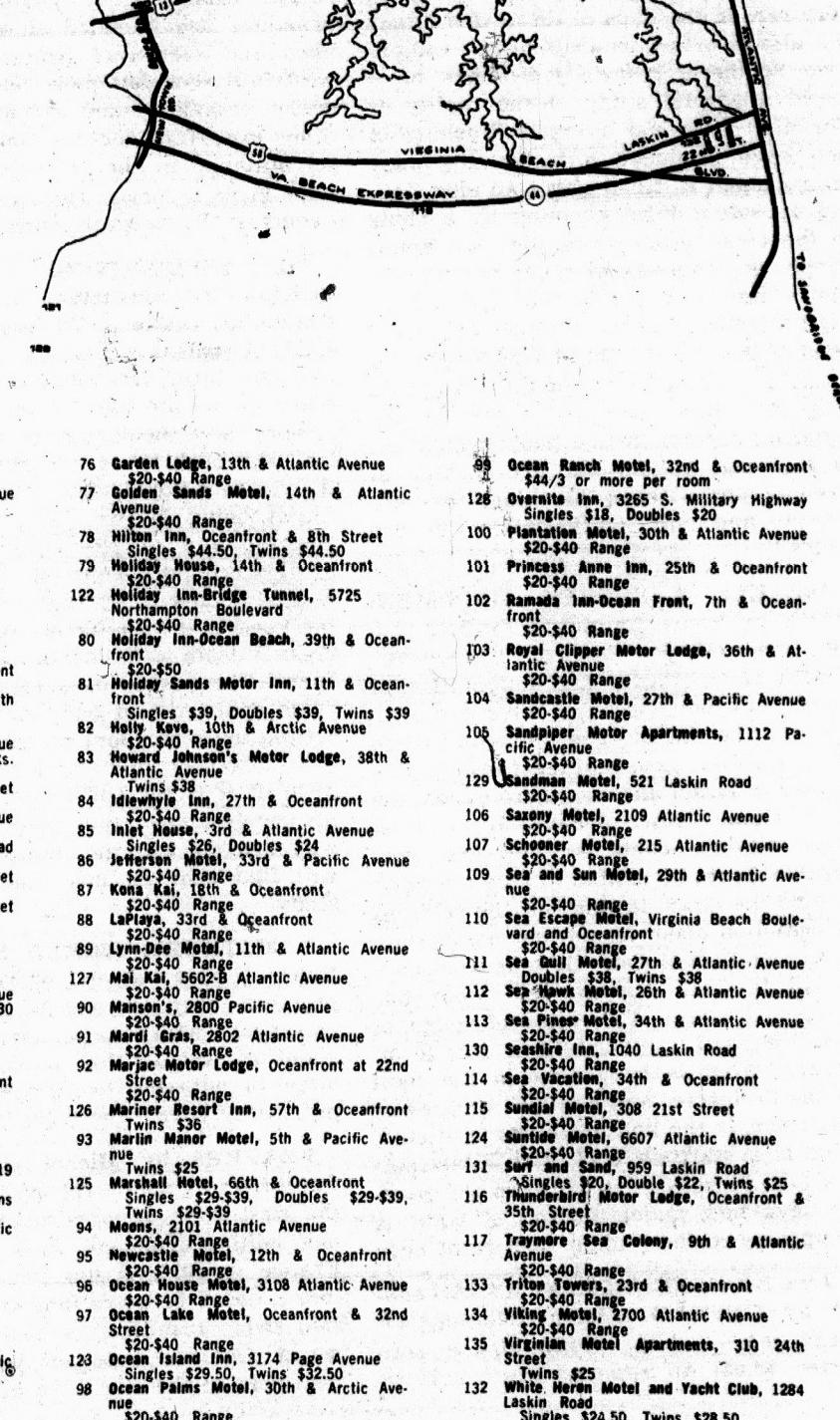


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## EDITORIAL

### Association Time

Once again it is Baptist association time in Mississippi. Each year in October messengers from the Baptist churches of the state gather for their annual associational meetings.

The association is the oldest denominational organization in Baptist life, and, of course, is the one nearest to the churches. It was the first step, and still is, of Baptist churches walking and working together cooperatively. Some associations have been meeting annually for hundreds of years. The oldest association in our state, the Mississippi Association, was formed in 1806, so will be holding its 169th session this year.

Today there are 76 associations in Mississippi, the large majority of them comprised of churches within a single county. There are about 1100 associations in the Southern Baptist Convention. The Mississippi associations all will be meeting during October, with most of them

during the second and third weeks. Through the associations early churches found opportunities for fellowship and cooperative ministries with other Baptists. While now the state and national conventions afford much larger opportunities for service, the district association still stands in an important place in the denominational life.

All of the associations have annual meetings, and some have other types of meetings through the year. Most of them have mission boards, and many have superintendents of missions. Almost all of them carry on some type of local mission work, and many support other ministries such as student work, social ministries, youth programs, and other activities for the churches and for outreach witness.

The district association also is the medium through which the church statistical reports are gathered for the state and national conventions. The churches send annual

reports to the annual associational meetings. There the clerks assemble them, and send them on to the Sunday School Board, where one of the departments has the responsibility of compiling and summarizing them, and then releasing them to the national and state conventions.

The district association annual meeting usually has a program with reports, sermons, business and fellowship. It is one time of the year when almost every one of the nearly 35,000 Southern Baptist churches, make a contact with other churches of the convention. No other meetings bring representatives of so many churches together.

It is because of all of these things that these annual meetings are so important, and that every church should be certain that it is well represented at its associational meeting. We hope that this year's sessions will be some of the best in many years, if not the best ever held.

### Books, Books, Books

Solomon's word "Of the making of books there is no end" often has been quoted, and if this statement was true in his day, what would he say in this time of computer type setting, high speed presses, and paper backs?

The flow of books has become a flood, and even in the religious field there appear to be hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of new books each year. Only a small percentage of those reach the Baptist Record review desk, yet those familiar with this column in the Record know that we cannot keep up with reviewing them.

Some of the books are poor, some are good, and a few probably are great. Many never go beyond the first printing, while some will reach the best seller list.

As long as there are some good and some great religious books, those should be read by Christian people. In most cases, however, many of those who need them never know of them, or will not have the money to buy them. Because of that, churches have a responsibility to make at least the best books available to their people. They can do so through a good church library.

Southern Baptist churches have been using this ministry for many

years, and the Sunday School Board has developed a strong church library department, which encourages churches to establish libraries, and gives guidance in this vital ministry.

Numerous Mississippi Baptist churches have libraries. For a number of years librarians and library committees have had an organization through which they exchange ideas and plans, and in which they promote the program. It has been most helpful in aiding churches to improve their book ministry.

The annual meeting of this Mississippi Baptist Library Organization will be held in the First Baptist church, Cleveland, October 24-25. The program and features are told in a news story elsewhere in this issue of the Record. One of the leaders will be Rev. Wayne Todd, former Mississippian, who now is the director of the Church Library Division of the Sunday School Board.

If your church has a library you will want to have representatives at the coming meeting, and if you do not have one, it will be well to send the pastor or other leaders to learn how this fine ministry can be established in your church.

Sunday Opening

The Jackson city government recently passed an ordinance requiring the closing of large retail establishments on Sunday, and limiting the hours the small conveniences stores could be open. The ruling was to take effect on Oct. 4.

Last week two of the national grocery chains secured an injunction preventing the ordinance from taking effect, and those groceries and possibly some others were open on Sunday. Meanwhile the city is hoping to be able to appeal the injunction to the Supreme Court of the state for final decision concerning the ordinance.

Some of the larger stores, however, chose to stay closed, even though the others were open. We hope they will continue this practice.

Christian people should take note of the stores which remained closed, and express their approval and appreciation to the management. Furthermore, those stores should receive support in their action. The best support is that they get the business of the Christians who approve.

There is absolutely no necessity for the opening of the large groceries or other retail establishments on Sunday, and we hope that Christian reaction will be strong enough to let the management feel the opposition to it.

speak with a simplicity of everyday speech.

**GET GROWING, CHRISTIAN!** by Willard F. Harley, Jr. (David C. Cook, Paper, 96 pp., \$1.50) In this practical guide to mature Christian living, Mr. Harley offers creative ways in which a Christian may get started growing.

**THE PREACHER'S HOMILETIC HELPER** by Algerton C. P. Coote (Baker, Paper, \$1.95, 123 pp.) Scripture subjects and outlines for sermons. Formerly published under the title, *Bible Helps for Busy Men*. Ministers' Handbook Series.

**LOOK WHO'S COMING** by Richard E. Orchard (Gospel Publishing House, pocket book, paper, 123 pp., \$1.25) A series of ten messages on the Second Coming of Christ.

#### On The MORAL SCENE...

**THE HEAVY INFLUENCE OF TELEVISION** — Watching "The Waltons" or "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" leaves television viewers feeling affectionate, kindly, warmhearted and forgiving, a social research reported recently. But "Hawaii Five-O" and "Cannon" make people aggressive, he said. The researcher, Dr. David Loya, a social psychologist at the University of California medical school, Los Angeles, and his colleagues set out to determine, through tests, the effects of television on the psychological and social functioning of adults. They selected 200 married couples in the Los Angeles area to watch several categories of programs for a week. . . . A great many claims have been made about the effects of television, but little "hard-nosed research" has been done to support these claims, said Loya. His study "seems to refute the notion, but conforming to the industry and supported by previous research, that television entertainment has no appreciable effects on adults except to amuse and divert," said Loya. "In mass entertainment we have on hand what appears to be a powerful tool for driving us one way or the other." (The Tennessee Showcase, September 14, 1975)

**PRAYERS** by Michel Quoist (Avon Publishers, Paper, 179 pp., \$3.45) For the first time in paperback, this is a new edition of a book first published in France in 1954. It has been translated into a dozen or more languages and has sold over a million copies around the world. Quoist's dialogues with God are drawn from the world we all know, and



### A GODLY CONSCIENCE

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

##### Dentist Praised

##### Lay Renewal

##### Movement

##### Dear Fellow Christians:

"God Loves You, and I Love You!"

This is the unwritten theme of the lay renewal movement now sweeping our state and neighboring states. We had one of these experiences in our church a little over a year ago — a three-day meeting — often expressed as the "42 Hour Challenge." Fifty or sixty Christian laymen; just "down-to-earth" — "salt-of-the-earth" people — men, women, boys and girls — showed up on a late Friday afternoon to begin this work of the Lord. Shortly after I arrived when I first heard one of these people say: "God loves you, and I love you," I thought: "What kind of way-out odd-balls are these nuts?" Little did I know at that time how "little I did know" about God's love.

Hebrews, 6th chapter beginning with the 12th verse says (Living Bible): "You have been Christians a long time now, and you ought to be teaching others, but instead you have dropped back to the place where you need someone to teach you all over again the very first principles in God's Word." And this is what I feel I learned that weekend last year. Friends, love is what it is all about! God's love for us, our love for him, — as well as our fellow-man — getting the right picture on this — need I say more? It says it all when you say: "God is love."

You know, sometimes a Christian can get so caught up doing so many things in the church (especially Baptists!), that the main purpose of service and worship to the Lord is lost somewhere in all the work. Unknowingly in my own life, busily hectic with many church jobs, positions and activities — bitterness had crept in. I had no patience with my fellow Christians when they faltered. I had the proverbial "chip-on-my-shoulder" about everything and toward so many — and I didn't know it! But praise the Lord, God's love was revealed to me that weekend as those wonderful people shared God's love to them with us and God melted that bitterness away. God was there and so was his love — many church breaches and problems were solved that weekend; I feel many miracles were wrought on some of "stone hearts." Praise the Lord for leaders in this movement such as Sidney Ellis, Vonnelle Graham, and so many others.

Today, a little over a year later, I am happy to say I still feel that wonderful love in my heart. My wife and I have received many wonderful blessings from the Lord's work in lay renewal weekends we have shared and worked with — but never, make no mistake or misunderstanding — never do I mean in saying this that lay renewal per se is what is so wonderful and is doing so much in our churches. — It is turning everything over to the Lord and letting him do it through lay renewal, or revival, or whatever else he chooses is what is important. The Lord is there and is working — not lay renewal. Letting the Lord do it, and not you is the key to God's storehouse of love.

I hope if you have missed this love-ly opportunity the Lord will see fit to arrange a lay renewal weekend in your area soon. Attend if you can.

Dr. Kelly Drew Alexander, Jr., D.D.S.  
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Hollandale, MS. 38748

P.S.: For information about lay renewal, write your state Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, MS. 39205.

"YOUR EARS  
SHALL HEAR  
A WORD BE-  
HIND YOU,  
SAYING, THIS  
IS THE WAY,  
WALK IN IT,  
AND DO NOT  
TURN ASIDE"  
— 1SA. 30:22  
(LAMSA TRS)

**Light for Living**

Chester E. Swor

#### Beautiful Christians, Too!

Remembering our last week's thoughts concerning "ugly Americans" abroad, who misrepresent the really genuine spirit of our country and the parallel thoughts concerning "ugly Christians," who misrepresent the spirit of Christ, let's look now at the other side of the coin: there are always some splendid Americans abroad who represent the best of our nation's spirit, and there are tremendous numbers of followers of Christ who do live Christianity at its best.

I was in Florence, Italy, shortly after World War II. Great numbers of our troops had been stationed there for a time. So many of our men had befriended bereft families, had helped with money and hands to rebuild a bombed-out church, had showered underfed children with food and candies. A shop keeper spoke to me with warm admiration of the "wonderful Americans" who had meant so much to Florence. A taxicab driver, recounting the wonderful love and help which American soldiers had given, said, "We love Americans." I wanted to salute the flag again, and I did thank Heaven that these men of our country had shown the spirit of our nation at its best.

Similarly, there are many followers of Christ whose radiance in Christlike living gives a high and happy impression of Christianity at its best. Wherever they live, work, play, or attend school, they give a happy "ring" to the word Christian. The fidelity with which they translate Christ's spirit and his teachings into their lives draws some non-Christians to Christ and draws other Christians into a renewal of closer fellowship with Christ.

A group of cadets from a military academy were discussing life-witnessing, when one of them said: "If you wanted to tell a non-Christian cadet in our school what Christianity is, so that he would understand it immediately and like it immensely, what would you say?" Another cadet replied: "Just tell the non-Christian that Christianity is Oscar Westover, and he would understand immediately and like immensely your definition of Christianity."

**UGLY AMERICANS . . . GRAND AMERICANS . . . UGLY CHRISTIANS . . . BEAUTIFUL CHRISTIANS: WHAT IS MY LIVING OF CHRISTIANITY DOING FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST IN THE MINDS OF PEOPLE WHO DO NOT YET KNOW HIM?**

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# Struggling With Doubt

By Wm. J. Fallis

Genesis 15:1 to 18:15

In 1811 Baptists in America had no missionaries at work in a foreign country, but the next

year two Congregationalists named Adoniram and Ann Judson landed in India and soon became Baptists because of their study of the New Testament.

Luther Rice had the same experience, and because the mission needed financial support, it was agreed that he would return to the States and tell Baptists about the Judsons and their work in Rangoon. Both men expected Rice to return, but it never happened. Rice helped in organizing the Triennial Convention of Baptists, and then he was asked to enlist new missionaries and raise money for work abroad. Judson was keenly disappointed that Rice never returned. Rice saw encouraging growth in Baptist interest in missions, but the

behavior of some brethren must have raised serious doubts.

The Lesson Explained  
THE LORD APPEARS  
TO ABRAM (vv. 1-3)

Abram was seventy-five years old when he answered the Lord's call by leaving Haran for an unknown country. Several times after he reached Canaan, Abram was promised by God a great heritage in that land, but still he had no son. In this lesson we find him ninety-nine years of age, and the Lord is describing again the blessings and posterity that will come to Abram.

The Lord identifies himself as "the Almighty God," and the Hebrew words El Shaddai may mean the God who has all power. He challenges Abram to live in his presence in order to be mature or complete. Then the Lord will make a covenant with Abram, and he can expect to have a great family of descendants. In response, Abram prostrated himself on the ground, and God continued to talk with him.

THE COVENANT IS RESTATED (vv. 4-8)

Basically the covenant is God's promise that Abram would be the father of a nation — even many nations — and Canaan would be the home for the people even as the Lord would be their God. This is essentially what he had said in Haran and several times in Canaan. But one thing was added here: God changed Abram's name. Abram means "(my) father is exalted" and could refer to the way Terah felt when Abram was born. The meaning of Abram is not clear in the original language; it may be only a lengthened form of Abram.

Not only did God make the covenant with Abraham but he also promised that relationship with his descendants. He will be Abraham's God and the God of all his descendants. Here is another difference between this statement of the covenant and those made earlier. God's promise to bless Abraham and to bless his descendants and to provide for them a homeland now is expanded into a spiritual relationship. Just as the Lord (Yahweh) was Abraham's God — by commitment and faith

— so would he be the God of his people.

**GOD PROMISES A SON AND NAMES HIM (vv. 15-19)**

Verses 9-14 tell of circumcision as the required sign of the covenant. Then God continued to tell Abraham of his plans for the near future. Because Abraham's wife would take an equal part in establishing the new people of God, her name was changed also. As in Abraham's case, the change was slight; both names mean "princess," but the pronunciation is different.

With Sarah's changed name, God also promised that she would "be a mother of nations." Even kings would come in her line. Suddenly Abraham reacted in a different way to the promise he had heard so often; he fell to the ground and laughed. To himself he thought it impossible that a century-old man and a woman of ninety would be able to have a child. How much easier it would be for God to let his intentions be worked out through Ishmael. But God replied that Sarah would indeed have a son, and his name would be Isaac, which means laughter. Although the name would remind Abraham of his thoughtless reaction, it also described Sarah's great joy when the baby was born and her hope that others would laugh with her.

## October 10-12:

### Navy Sabbath

On October 13, 1975, the United States Navy will celebrate its 200th birthday.

October 10-12 has been designated as Navy Sabbath. This observance is sponsored by the Naval Research Association with cooperation of member associations of the Navy-Marine Corps Council.

Clergymen and congregations are asked to make October 10-12 a period of prayers for past service of men and women of our Navy and Marine Corps, and their families, and of intercession for their future. Some mention in a sermon, use of the Navy Hymn or Navy Sabbath Prayer during services will help show support of these persons' sacrifices.

Navy Sabbath was established in 1968 to seek this recognition and grateful remembrance of the Navy-Marine Corps family.

Ensign Joseph B. Wilkinson, Jr. states, "The United States Navy recognizes the most important action concerned Americans can take is prayer. The Navy makes church services available whenever possible and the church pennant is the only flag to fly above our national ensign."

But a love relationship leaves no place for not-caring. Not caring just doesn't fit there.

And so we do care. And love keeps on growing.

## Revival Dates

**Locust Street Church (Pike):**  
October 12-17; services at 7 nightly;  
Rev. Glen Savell, pastor of  
Bethlehem Church, Lacey's Spring,  
Alabama, evangelist, David  
McArthur, minister of music and  
youth, Bethlehem Church, Lacey's Spring,  
Alabama, singer; Rev. Robert L. Dunn, pastor.

**Raymond Church, Raymond:**  
October 26 - November 2; Rev.  
David Walker, Cleveland, TN.,  
evangelist; Jerry Talley, minister  
of music; Oak Forest, Jackson,  
music evangelist; Mrs. Taylor  
Ballard, organist; Mrs. Bob Lester,  
pianist; regular times on  
Sundays; weekdays 7 a.m. and 7  
p.m.; Rev. Sam B. Mason, pastor.

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## BYW RETREAT

Mrs. J. H. Street, of Newton, will lead Bible study at the retreat for Baptist Young Women at Camp Garaywa, October 17-18.

The weekend, which will begin with registration on Friday at 6 p.m. and conclude on Saturday at 4:30 p.m., will also feature Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Rankin, missionaries to Indonesia. Saturday morning sessions will begin at 8:30 for those who would like to attend the meeting on that day only.

Mrs. Street A review of the history of Woman's Missionary Union will be presented by Miss Edwin Robinson.

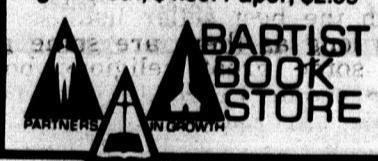
Rodney Webb, language missions consultant, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention will explain the work which he does in Mississippi.

Cost for the weekend is \$7 per person, which includes registration fee, meals, and insurance while at the retreat.

To register, send your name and address, along with \$2 to Frances Shaw, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. The balance of \$5 will be paid on arrival at Garaywa.



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## Baptist Pastors' Retreat

October 27-29, 1975

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Dan Hall

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- Bible Study Dr. James Travis
- Worship Mr. Dan Hall
- Self Evaluation Rev. Arnold Norsworthy
- Communication Mr. Howard Foshee
- Inspiration Mr. Chester Vaughn
- Evaluating a Prospective Church Dr. Fred Fowler
- Preaching & Invitation Dr. Harold Bryson
- Self Evaluation Mr. John Ishee
- Witness Involvement Rev. Bob Sheffield
- Church Planning Rev. J. W. Brister
- Deacon Involvement & Relationship Dr. J. Roy McComb

- Motivation & Delegation Dr. Reggie McDonough
- Vocational Guidance Mr. Bob Meade
- Counseling Dr. J. Clark Hensley
- Young Pastors Rev. Maurice Flowers
- Involving Deacons in Ministry



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### SPECIAL REGISTRATION FORM

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Please Register Me For The Baptist Pastors' Retreat, October 27, Camp Garaywa.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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(Registration must be limited to the first 200 received. Please enclose a \$3.00 registration fee to cover insurance, materials, etc. and mail to Leon Emery, Church Administration Consultant, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205.)

My preference for the six-hour Special Interest Workshop is: (check one)  
 Preaching     Basic Church Administration (ABC Conference)     Counseling  
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## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

By Bill Duncan

Matthew 3:1-4:25

What is commitment? Marriage involves commitment. Husband and wife commit themselves to each other. They are committed to each other physically, socially, economically, emotionally, and spiritually. No marriage can work without this kind of commitment. This commitment is a conscious yielding of our lives — giving of ourselves to each other.

Did Jesus begin His mission like we begin our work in a church? Being a part of a church is more than having your name on a card. Sam Dalton says, "God is looking for blood, not ink." We never become a part of the church until we personally commit ourselves to its Master, mission, and ministry.

Jesus consciously gave himself to the mission of his Father. His dedication was determination. He chooses men to work with him. He took a small group of men and poured himself into their lives. The people who compose the church today are the same kind of people Jesus chose to be with him then. The difference is commitment.

In the scripture passage Matthew 3 and 4, there are five main subjects: The preaching of John the Baptist (3:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (3:13-17), the temptation of Jesus (4:1-11), the move from Nazareth to Capernaum (4:12-17), and the calling of disciples (4:18-25).

The ministry of John the Baptist prepared the way for the life and work of Jesus Christ. John preached the Kingdom of Heaven in terms of the judgment of God upon all men because of their sinful lives. He was called "the baptizer" because he baptized Jews to signify a new situation for those who had repented and confessed their sins. John excluded the hope that one's physical descent from Abraham would give him acceptance from God. So John said that God was sending one who would save his people. The baptism of the Messiah — Christ — would be with the Holy Spirit and with fire. The Holy Spirit would come into each child and give new direction, pow-

## Commitment To His Mission

er, and meaning to the whole life.

The baptism of Jesus by John is without question a part of his commitment to the ministry. It took place at Jesus' initiative and insistence over John's protest of unworthiness and as Jesus' recognition of what was proper and right. It is true, Jesus had no sin to confess. By taking his place among those who submitted to John's baptism, Jesus did endorse John's baptism and identified himself with those people who responded to John's call. But Jesus' baptism was an open commitment to his mission.

Jesus knew the hour had struck and that the time had come to enter upon his work. The baptism shows us Jesus identifying Himself with a people's unprecedented search for God.

The public commitment was endorsed by the coming of the Spirit of God upon Jesus like a dove and a voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." This was the assurance needed by John and Jesus that the Kingdom was at hand. "The die had been cast."

The temptations of Jesus are to be taken at face value. They reflect not so much uncertainty of mind as test of will. This is not the only time that Jesus was tempted, but these are basically Messianic, having to do with his mission. The temptation was to take a short-cut to immediate goals yielding real benefactions or to employ the wrong means to achieve goals which at least in part represented valid human needs. Jesus had to fight off the satanic temptations to try to be "Christ" without being, at the same time, the suffering Servant.

Jesus' first temptation was to use his power to turn stones to bread. It was a temptation to take a short-cut to meet an immediate

need.

The preaching of the gospel of the Kingdom was a second major function in the mission of Jesus.

No sharp lines can be drawn between teaching and preaching.

This proclamation of the reign of God was a call to repentance.

Healing constituted an important part of the ministry of Jesus.

Compassion was the ground of his healing ministry.

Not all healing followed faith nor did faith always produce healing.

To a great extent, the healing miracles were signs that the kingdom of God had already arrived.

Jesus was committed to his mission of "drawing all men to God."

He gave himself to the people and called for commitment from them.

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# Mission Gifts Of Mississippi Baptist Churches Thru Convention Board

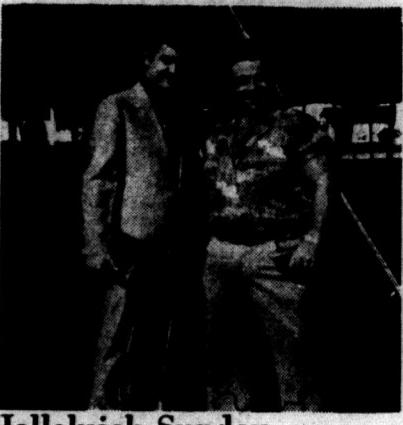
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ADAMS ASSN	.00	.00	ALICE SPGS	317.50	75.00	ALICE SPGS	112.20	LEFLORE	721.39	981.35	CORINTH	90.00	245.00	EDDIE HOPE	112.30	246.10	357.40
BETHEL	105.20	217.44	AMERICAN	732.30	322.64	AMERICAN	335.00	PLEASANT GRV	160.00	1,070.00	DEODORA	2,478.00	1,675.00	ELIZABETH	1,175.24	978.20	2,152.44
BETHLEHEM	3,100.00	4,000.00	AMERICAN	4,735.00	1,000.00	AMERICAN	1,000.00	PROVIDENCE	160.00	1,070.00	EDON	2,478.00	1,675.00	ELIZABETH	1,034.24	1,977.20	3,011.44
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CLIFF TEMPLE	4,343.73	2,252.36	AMERICAN	7,596.50	1,000.00	AMERICAN	.00	FAIR RIDGE	173.00	118,850.00	MADISON	1,497.00	1,497.00	ELIZABETH	1,175.24	978.20	2,152.44
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MT NORAH	287.00	553.66	841.36	BETHESSDA	651.38	55.55	746.93	CHODER	2,820.59	4,816.35	7,636.94	DINAH	924.96	677.28	1,602.24
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NEW HARMONY	.00	.00	.00	DEPOT	1,950.00	337.60	752.60	FER LAMBERT	.00	.00	.00	EVANGELINE	1,052.20	1,022.20	2,073.40
NEW MARKS	1,219.20	766.81	1,986.01	DOUBLE SPGS	990.71	99.00	1,090.71	ROCKY HILL	2,978.00	2,249.00	5,202.40	LEXIE	1,812.70	1,022.20	2,833.90
SALEM	736.46	238.58	975.04	EMANUEL	.00	.00	.00	ROSE HILL	4,124.97	4,323.25	8,448.22	MARGARET	1,914.28	526.12	2,440.40
SLAYDEN	4,000.00	2,047.13	6,047.73	FBC NADEN	4,938.70	2,204.07	7,142.77	HOLLOWOOD	911.13	473.25	1,384.35	MARY	1,617.80	1,240.01	2,857.81
SPRING HILL	1,145.81	1,589.62	2,735.43	STARVILLE	50,904.14	12,412.72	63,314.86	OUTLINE ASSN	.00	300.00	300.00	MEA	1,350.00	597.00	1,937.00
TRINITY HTS & CP	333.04	362.05	695.09	STEVENS	.00	.00	.00	PLEASANT HILL	1,196.00	1,086.00	2,182.00	MARY	1,049.00	597.00	1,646.00
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ANTE RIVE	.00	.00	.00	RANKIN	.00	.00	.00	NEW JEROME	1,120.00	1,120.00	2,240.00	NEW YORK	2,049.21	2,375.36	4,424.57
BERICK	1,115.00	940.00	2,055.00	ANDREWS CPL	227.00	.00	.00	NEW KIRK	1,093.00	1,022.00	2,115.00	NOAH	2,049.21	2,375.36	4,424.57
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MT OLIVE	1,215.00	1,525.53	2,740.53	FBC SATESVILLE	15,956.00	5,522.69	21,479.72	EUREKA	1,020.00	1,020.00	2,040.00	PAUL	2,049.21	2,375.36	4,424.57
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FBC PRAIRIE	98.00	69.50	167.50	FLORIDA	1,678.00	.00	.00	FAIRFIELD	1,214.00	1,214.00	2,428.00	PAUL	2,049.21	2,375.36	4,424.57
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Thursday, October 5, 1975

# Just For The Record



Hallelujah Sunday

## At Pass Road

High attendance day (Hallelujah Sunday) for Pass Road Church, Gulfport, was held September 28. Several important events were held, including celebration of the second anniversary of Pastor A. M. Moore, III, roll call day, and a goal of 500 in Sunday School.

A record total of 543 attended Sunday School with even more gathered for worship under the "big tent," featuring special guest speaker Paul Anderson, the World's Strongest man. (He is shown, right, with the pastor near the tent set up on the parking lot to handle the large crowd). Plans for a new sanctuary are now under consideration.

## Hollandale Church Sponsors

## Second Lay Renewal Weekend

Thirty-three adults and 24 youths went to Hollandale Church, at their own expense, to share in Lay Renewal Weekend August 22-24.

Following a similar weekend last year, the pastor, Rev. Max Parker, was involved in two training sessions sponsored by the state Brotherhood Department, where he learned the concept of Journey Into Lifestyle Evangelism and Ministry. He led the church to start the itinerary for the journey, again. The journey involves several phases which a church may wish to follow introducing membership to an awareness of a new depth of Christian love and fellowship.

Desiring to take advantage of small group materials now available from the Brotherhood Commission, SBC, the church decided to have the initiation phase again. The initial event is the Lay Renewal Weekend.

This Lay Renewal Weekend, Aug. 22-24, focused on a deep, full, complete commitment of self to Christ. The theme was "Let Go and Let God Have Complete Control."

The small sharing sessions on "Christian Maturity," "Prayer," and "The Christian Home" made the local membership aware of their personal commitment to Christ in a positive and appealing manner.

On Saturday, Rev. Herbert Kinmon will speak at 8:30 a.m. At 10 a.m., Rev. A. T. Walker will speak to the Adults during Sunday School. Rev. Bryce Evans will bring the message at 11 a.m. Dr. Edd Gandy will preach at 7 p.m.

## First, Clinton Choirs To Present "Beginnings"

BEGINNINGS, an exciting new praise concert by Buryl Red and Ragan Courtney, will be presented by the music ministry of First Church, Clinton, on Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

BEGINNINGS will be presented by the combined Youth and Chancel Choirs under direction of F. Tanner Riley, minister of music. Accompanists for these two performances are: Billy R. Trotter, organist; Mrs. Barbara Parks, pianist; Thad F. Mullins and Bobby Shivers, percussionists. The narrator is Roy M. Davis, Jr. Soloists for this presentation will be James A. Barnett, Mrs. Nancy N. Davis, Mrs. Jean Ramsey, Mrs. Pat M. Ballard, Mrs. Judy R. Brewer, and John W. Legg.

## Old Timers' Day

## At Mission Hill

Mission Hill Church, Lincoln County, Rt. 2, Wesson, will have annual Old Timers' Day October 19. There will be dinner at the church with a hymn sing at one o'clock. Rev. W. E. Derrick is pastor.

## Senior Citizens Of Central Visit Mansion

Friday, September 19, 42 members of the Young at Heart Group from Central Church, Brookhaven, visited the Governor's Mansion in Jackson. The group was greeted by Mrs. William Waller and given a tour of the Mansion.

They traveled to the Old Capitol where they enjoyed seeing the many items in the museum.

The evening was completed by a stop at McDonald's.

Visitors with the group included: Lloyd Walker, bus driver, Mike Grim, music director, Rev. and Mrs. H. Glen Schilling, pastor, Mrs. Georgia Myers, Mrs. Linda McKee and Mrs. Myra Thurman.

Mrs. Anna Sutton is president of the group.

## Women's Auxiliary Plans Fall Coffee, Tour Of Hospital

The Woman's Auxiliary of Mississippi Baptist Hospital has planned its Fall Membership Coffee for October 15, with a tour of the new 600-bed hospital as the main attraction.

Purpose of the meeting, according to Auxiliary president Mrs. Leon F. Gilbert, is to recruit new members as the time approaches for moving into the new building later this year.

She extended an invitation to all persons interested in working with the Auxiliary to attend the meeting, which begins with a coffee at the Gilfoy unit, 1121 North State, at 9:30 a.m.

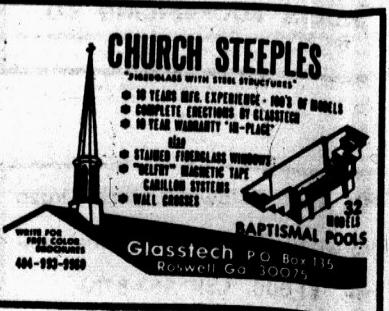
New officers of the Auxiliary, in addition to Mrs. Gilbert, include Mrs. Sidney Green, first vice-president (program chairman); Mrs. Norman Burton, second vice-president (membership); Mrs. W. G. Mize, secretary; and Mrs. Carl Lundquist, treasurer.

to the individual's tithe. It was to be a sacrificial offering. He encouraged everyone to give more than they could afford to give, for in so doing they would be giving sacrificially. Anything short of that would not be a sacrifice.

The outcome was miraculous. The regular morning offering had been averaging about \$450. The morning of "mustard-ketchup" Sunday two offerings were taken up. The regular morning tithes and offerings were taken up and a total of \$818.00 was counted. Then the "mustard-ketchup" or sacrificial offering totaled \$1900 which brought the total offering to \$2518 for the day. This was a twenty-fold increase of the talents given out.

The church was able to catch up on its budget but the greatest blessing of all was in the hearts of the people of Southside Church for they know that a victory can be won in Christ if one is willing to take the talent that God gives him and use it for his glory.

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## Mrs. Shelton Moore Dies In Accident

Mrs. Shelton (Gerie) Moore, member of Richland Church at Plain, died September 27 as a result of an automobile accident, at the age of 32.

Funeral services were held September 29 at Baldwin Chapel at Pearl, with Rev. Paul B. Williamson, pastor of the Richland Church, officiating.

Mrs. Moore, wife of a deacon at Richland, had served the church as pianist, librarian, Vacation Bible School director, Sunday School general secretary, and member of the Ladies' Trio. Also she was a member of the Mississippi Singing Church Women.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Stacy; one daughter, Shellee; her mother, Mrs. Jewel Ainsworth of Plain; one sister and two brothers. Mrs. Moore was a native of Smith County.

## Homecoming At

## Clear Branch

Homecoming will be held at Clear Branch Church (Rankin) on October 12, with Rev. Barney Walker as guest speaker for the 11 a.m. service.

"The Gospel Messengers" will sing in the afternoon, in a service beginning at 1:30. Lunch will be served.

## First, Pearl Begins

Classes For Singles,  
Formerly Marrieds

First Church of Pearl is beginning a Sunday School class for formerly marrieds. This class began on Sunday, October 5, at 9:45 a.m. during the regular Sunday School hour. If you are interested in this class, you may contact the church office for further information (phone 939-4476).

The church is also beginning a Sunday School "Career" class for single adults, 20 and above, for those who may have already finished college, or for those who are now working. This class also began meeting on Sunday, October 5, at 9:45.

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## Seminary Ready

To Help Fill  
Church Vacancies

New Orleans Seminary has named Jim Minton to the position of administrative assistant to the executive vice president.

Minton, a native of New Orleans, will assume the post vacated last June by Robert May as church work consultant. Students and graduates of Minton's office.

A former student of the New Orleans seminary, Jim holds a Master's degree in religious education and is presently working toward a doctorate in the same field.

## Devotional

*The Good News Of Jesus Christ*

By L. Edward Gandy, Pastor, First, Bruce

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek (Romans 1:16).

Amidst all the bad news we hear in the world, the good news from God stands out as a rainbow of hope proclaiming salvation to a world that is despairing and dying without God. The gospel of Jesus Christ is God's good news to all men. There are some great affirmations about the gospel in our text worthy of our consideration.

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II. The power of the gospel is affirmed. The gospel of Jesus Christ has the power to save those who believe. A young man called me one night about ten o'clock and said that he needed to talk with me very badly. Upon his arrival he said without any hesitation, "There is no need in beating around the bush. I need to be saved." So, I shared with him the good news of Jesus Christ. He immediately trusted Christ and is continuing to grow in the Christian life. The gospel of Jesus Christ has that kind of power.

III. The purpose of the gospel is affirmed. Its purpose is that people believe it. The good news is that God has come in Christ to reconcile us unto himself. The good news is that Christ has done all that needs to be done when he died on the cross for our sins. The good news is that Christ will save all who believe in him. This is why we need to share the good news of Jesus Christ to the entire world.

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## Off The Record

A young GI away at camp called home and his little brother, Jimmy, answered the phone.

"What's new?"

"Nothing much," Jimmy said, "except your cat died."

The GI, the cat and a dog had grown up together. It was like losing one of the immediate family. He was so shocked up he couldn't continue and had to hang up.

The following weekend he called again, and again his younger brother answered the phone. "You shouldn't have come right out and told me my cat had died," he said. "You should've broken it gently. It wouldn't have come as such a shock."

"Like how?" Jimmy asked.

"Like you could've started out by saying the cat was up on the roof. He slipped and fell and broke his leg. It got infected. We took him to the vets and he had to be operated on. When we brought him home he couldn't eat anything... You should've prepared me gradually. See what I mean?"

"Yeh."

There was a long silence. Finally Jimmy said, "The dog was up on the roof."

Brief Cases



CAKE BAKING CONTEST — At Salem Church, Preston, September 14, the men baked cakes with their own secret recipes. Prize winners were, left to right: Paul Fulton, first prize; Ozelle Van Devender, second prize; E. G. Palmer, third prize. Rev. Robert E. Armstrong is pastor.

## Names In The News

Rev. Schuyler M. Batson will celebrate his tenth anniversary October 12 as pastor of Emmanuel Church, Alexandria, La. The church is honoring him with a reception from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis I. Myers Jr., formerly missionaries to Vietnam, are now working with Vietnam refugees through the Home Mission Board (address: 1350 Spring St., NW, Atlanta, Ga. 30309). Both are natives of Mississippi.

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Beethea, missionaries to Kenya, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 30405, Nairobi, Kenya).



## Valley Park To Replace Flood-Damaged Building

Valley Park Church, Valley Park, on September 28 broke ground for a new building. Mrs. Minnie Newman, 85-year-old charter member, pictured holding the shovel, turned the first dirt. Organized in 1940, the church at first shared a building with the Methodists. The present structure, built in 1951,

was severely damaged by the 1973 flood. Following the flood, the members began serious plans to rebuild. They had already bought the property. According to Rev. Leon Ivey, pastor, and Ted Porter, Building Committee chairman, they hope to be in the new building within five or six months.

## Booneville Church Calls Farmer

Rev. Charles R. Farmer has accepted the call of Calvary Church in Booneville to serve as pastor. He has been pastor of First Church, Shelby in Bolivar County for the last 24 months. Native of St. Joseph, Missouri, he is a graduate of Gard Business College in St. Joseph,

holds the B.A. degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, completed one year of work toward the M.R.E. degree at Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley California, and earned a M.Div. degree at New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife Faye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Wilbanks of Corinth, moved into the new pastor's home in Booneville on September 23.